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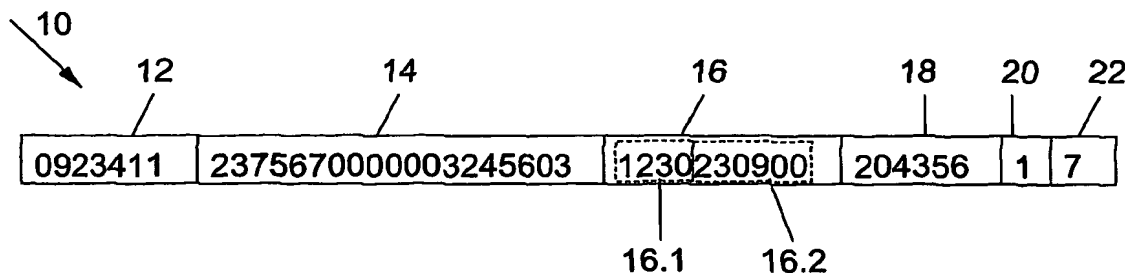
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(57) Abstract: The invention discloses a method of acquiring, storing and transmitting data, which includes the provision of a database having at least three record sets in which data, such as medical examination data, can be accurately stored in suitable numerical format.

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